

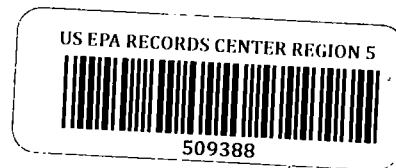


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3-Organization:
4-E-mail:
5-Street:
6-City:Salem
7-State:OH
8-Zipcode:
9-Comments:We live near the Nease Chemical Site on route 14 in Salem Ohio.We JUST received paperwork explaining the transfer of mirex from the creeks to the Nease Site. We are very upset that this is even an option! We have enough chemicals around and under our home from this place now. We understand that the creeks have to be cleaned up BUT bringing it closer to families allready stressed over chemical contamination,decreased property values-not to mention concern of health issues is just wrong.We are very unhappy about this decision.

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4-E-mail:
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6-City:Salem
7-State:OH
8-Zipcode:44460
9-Comments:Please type your comments here

First I would like to thank the USEPA and OEPA representatives who attended the public meeting in Salem on July 31, 2008. Their presentation was very informative and they managed the timing and focus of the meeting very well. It would be more helpful to have 30 days to comment after the meeting and after the complete information was available at the library. As of August 11, it was not yet available to circulate, and the meeting itself was held halfway through the comment period.

My comment on the plan is to add support to a version of Alternative B, and to reject Alternative C. My opinion centers around the need to dredge Middle Fork, as addressed in Alternative C. In my opinion, the dredging should not be done. The certainty of stream habitat destruction on a short term basis far outweighs the risk of leaving the stream to recover by natural processes. There does not seem to be much risk now to people from contamination within the stream. This seems due to the long time since initial spread of contamination, to natural sedimentation processes, and to the fact that sediments have not been actively leaving the site since early work there. USEPA and OEPA have stated that there is not at this point any risk to people from stream contact, and any risk of exposure to mirex from consuming fish is already surpassed by the state-wide hazard due to mercury contamination. Further, the consumption ban from mirex is now restricted to carp from a rather sm

all area of the stream. These rather unpalatable fish do not seem to me to be worth the certain disruption of habitat from dredging. The issue of risk from resuspension of contaminated sediments during dredging should also be considered. In addition, dredging will result under the best of circumstances in several years of recovery for the stream system, further increasing the risk of sediment movement and habitat loss. Even if that sediment is not contaminated with mirex, the sediment itself has a serious potential for stream degradation downstream.

The issue of excavation of selected floodplain sediments, as addressed in Alternative B, may be justified in some areas where existing dairy pasture areas are involved. The level of contamination that exists and the action level that identifies the 6.5 acres involved in this alternative were not well documented at the meeting. Should excavation be done in these floodplain areas, it should be noted that the area does change frequently due to flooding events. Since the actual excavation date is several years in the future, and the most recent samples show considerable change since the previous samples, it is clear that the most efficient removal of contaminated material will involve sampling immediately prior to excavation. Placing this contaminated material back on the original site, which is already being monitored and managed, seems to me to be the most efficient way to deal with it. Since mirex is not soluble or volatile, I do not believe the material will represent a

hazard to ground water.

There is a great advantage to the removal of material from Feeder Creek, and as stated previously the use of this material on the site for regrading seems justified and not a source of risk. This portion of the work plan should be actively pursued and scheduled as soon as possible, rather than waiting for any other work.

Thank you for your attention,

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6-City:Salem

7-State:OH

8-Zipcode:44460

9-Comments:Knowing that the EPA has not been actively monitoring the neighboring wells, are you planning pre-cleanup and post-cleanup local well checks?

What are your plans for long term monitoring of the neighboring properties wells and the local water table?

In the event a properties well is deemed unsafe to use due to pre and/or post cleanup contamination, will the available options outlined in the Nease chemical cleanup proposal include funds for remedying an un-usable well on an affected local property, giving the property owner a clean supply of water?

While drying and storing the contaminated soil, are there plans to line or seal the contaminated soil from seeping toxins further into the local water table, and/or releasing toxins into the air?

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6-City:Salem
7-State:OH
8-Zipcode:44460
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I was at the meeting about the Salem, Oh Nease Rutgers Chemica cleanup site. I think that the site on Benton Rd. Salem, OH should have the current building torn down, the contaminated soil removed along with the soil along the Feeder Creek, Middle Fork of Little Beaver Creek and other and taken to a Superfund Site which is already up and running.

I feel that this could be a Homeland Security problem in the future. With all the various personnel going in and out of Benton Rd. site, who is to say that a terrorist could not go in. This is very dangerous chemicals. Mirex lives for 100 plus years and maybe forever. Do you really know?

My parents live adjoining the site and the neighborhood did not want the plant from the start. I moved from . in 1963; when I married. I stayed in the area all my life and hope young children do not get sick from this plan C that is proposed if this goes thru.

This will not be a cleanup, this is putting the same unhealthy DIRT under concrete to make it some one elses problem.

I understand Rutgers Organics made their monies from the patents or receipes for various products and they have the monies to ship all these above items (dirt and building) to an already secure site.

I fear that this site my become a dump for future other out-of-the-area chemicals. After all the plan to watch this site for 30 years is goofy.

The people making the plans now for this will not be around in the future to make more decisions, the people who brought this plant into Salem are no longer alive either.

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